

[Report No. 2914.]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JUNE 10, 1886.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

JUNE 22, 1886.

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Omit the parts struck through and insert the parts printed in *italics*.

AN ACT



Providing for the appointment of a commission to investigate the truth of alleged discoveries of the specific cause of yellow fever, and of a method of preventing that disease by inoculation, and to obtain all information possible as to the cause and prevention of that disease.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the President be, and is hereby, authorized, by and with
4 the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a commission
5 which shall proceed to Mexico and, if necessary, to the Cen-
6 tral American states, Havana, and Brazil, and there make a
7 careful and complete investigation of, and report, after thor-
8 ough examination, the methods of inoculation pursued and
9 their effectiveness in protecting against yellow fever, together
10 with all other information relative to that disease which may
11 be discovered by experiment or otherwise.

1 ~~Sec. 2.—That the said commission shall consist of three~~
 2 ~~persons, one or more of whom shall be an officer or officers of~~
 3 ~~the Government, a medical man or men of known ability and~~
 4 ~~special attainment in biological research, particularly in the~~
 5 ~~department of microscopic investigation and methods of cult-~~
 6 ~~ure of the essential germs causative of the infectious and con-~~
 7 ~~tagious diseases.—The other member or members of the com-~~
 8 ~~mission shall be a medical man or men not an officer or offi-~~
 9 ~~eers of the Government, to be appointed by the President, of~~
 10 ~~recognized ability, based upon long and ample experience in~~
 11 ~~observation and treatment of yellow fever, competent to give~~
 12 ~~expert consideration to all phases of the symptoms and course~~
 13 ~~of that disease in any form wherein the phenomena of the dis-~~
 14 ~~ease may present themselves, whether induced in the course~~
 15 ~~of pestilential invasion or in purposely devised inoculation.~~

1 *SEC. 2. That the said commission shall consist of two*
 2 *persons, who shall be officers of the Governme t, medical men*
 3 *of known ability and special attainmerit in biological r esearch,*
 4 *particularly in the department of microscopic investigation*
 5 *and methods of culture of the essential germs causative of the*
 6 *infectious and contagious diseases.*

1 SEC. 3. That the commission be authorized to employ
 2 such skilled assistants as it may deem necessary, and to fix
 3 the rate of their compensation: *Provided*, That the entire

4 expenses of the commission shall be limited to the amount of
5 the appropriation herein named.

1 SEC. 4. That the commission shall make, within twelve
2 months of its appointment, a detailed report of its labors to
3 the President of the United States, to be submitted by him to
4 Congress; but, if necessary for the accomplishment of its
5 work, it may continue its labors two years, making also a final
6 report: *Provided*, That that portion of the report covering
7 the expenses of the commission shall be made under oath.

1 SEC. 5. That the sum of ~~twenty-five~~ *ten* thousand dollars,
2 or so much thereof as may be actually required to pay the
3 necessary traveling and other expenses, ~~and the salary of the~~
4 ~~member or members of the commission who shall be appointed~~
5 ~~from civil life,~~ and its employees, be, and is hereby, appro-
6 priated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise ap-
7 propriated.

1 ~~Sec. 6. That a sum not to exceed five thousand dollars~~
2 ~~per annum, to be fixed by the President, shall be paid as a~~
3 ~~recompense to the member or to each member of the afore-~~
4 ~~said commission not already in the service of the Government,~~
5 ~~the officer or officers detailed from the service being entitled~~
6 ~~only to their actual and necessary traveling expenses.~~

Passed the Senate June 8, 1886.

Attest: ANSON G. McCOOK, *Secretary*,

By CHAS. W. JOHNSON, *Chief Clerk*,

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